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APPARATUS AND RADIATION )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the Deputy Commissioner's pre-OG notice of July 11, 2003, copies of U.S. patents and/or applications are not provided. However, a copy of the non-published application cited below is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 5,498,880  
U.S. Patent 5,619,033  
U.S. Patent 5,965,872  
U.S. Patent 6,236,579  
U.S. Patent 6,332,016  
U.S. Patent 6,489,618  
U.S. Published Application No. 2001/38075  
U.S. Published Application No. 2002/66861  
U.S. Published Application No. 2002/79493

U.S. Published Application No. 2003/10899  
U.S. Published Application No. 2003/155517  
U.S. Published Application No. 2003/226974

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to co-pending Application No. 10/685,534, filed October 16, 2003 by Tatsuya Yamazaki, et al., which has been assigned in common with the present application.

It is Applicants' belief that Japanese priority applications for some of the above U.S. applications may have been published before the filing date of the subject application, making the Japanese publications themselves available as prior art under at least § 102(a).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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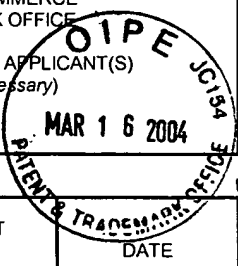
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